



Creswick Brass Band Back in full swing!



The band has been busy preparing for the *Australian National Band Championships*, which will be held in Adelaide over the Easter weekend. To help prepare for the competition, the lower brass section had a workshop arranged by *Skunkworks Community* with Tim Buzbee. Tim Buzbee is the principal tubist with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and was generous in sharing his knowledge. The workshop was open to other local lower brass players and it was excellent to have so many attend.

In the lead up to the competition, the band is currently rehearsing twice a week to sound the best they possibly can. A big thank you to players, families and friends of the band for their efforts and support with this! Before the big event, the entire program was performed at the Creswick Senior Citizens Rooms. If you missed that, *Brassbanned* will be live streaming the entire weekend so keep an eye on the band's social media page for the link closer to the competition. Prior to the big competition weekend, the

Band will be playing at *Clunes Booktown* on Saturday, 23 March.

As always, Creswick Brass Band rehearses on Thursday evenings at the Creswick Senior Citizens Rooms. The band is always welcoming to new members so get in touch if you would like to know more by visiting the Facebook page or email at creswickbrassband@hotmail.com.

Creswick Brass Band

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Music News



World Piano Day, the 88th day of the year, will be celebrated in the Synod Hall of the Ballarat Anglican Cathedral, Lydiard Street South on Sunday, March 24 11.00am.-4.00pm. The event is organised by Newlyn piano teacher Bron Sozanski. At noon there will be an explanation and demonstration, of the piano mechanism by local piano technician Andrew Vogel. The event is designed to showcase the enjoyment of playing the world's most versatile musical instrument and everyone is welcome to participate or just watch.

The emphasis is on the enjoyment of playing the piano as well as learning about how it works. If you have a secret desire to play, this is the perfect opportunity to discover your hidden musician. Entry is free but donations are requested to support music at the Cathedral.

For enquiries phone 5345 7522.

Bronislaw Sozanski

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Monthly totals as sent to Bureau of Meteorology by Frank Slade.

	2022	2023	2024
	mm	mm	mm
January	163.0	9.5	97.0
February	1.0	28.8	4.0
March	49.0	45.0	
April	65.5	116.0	
May	39.3	70.0	
June	104.5	125.0	
July	51.0	45.0	
August	156.0	46.0	
September	82.0	25.5	
October	214.1	67.5	
November	129.1	29.0	
December	40.2	23.0	
TOTAL	1,094.7	630.3	101.0



Creswick Cemeteries News

The Creswick Cemeteries Trust has recently installed lovely cylinders in the new plot behind the Rose Garden. These cylinders are for the burial of ashes, which are contained within the cylinder. A plaque is then attached to the top with the appropriate information about the deceased.

The Trust would like to sincerely thank all volunteers for their wonderful help; it is much appreciated along with Langi Kal Kal inmates who come out several times a year to whipper snip and mow.

Thank you to the local RSL for maintenance to the Soldiers' area in readiness for ANZAC Day.

Many hands make light work and the cemetery much more welcoming to visitors.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Creswick Civic Honour Roll Dinner will be held on Friday, 31 May, 2024 at the Doug Lindsay Reserve (Football/Netball Club rooms) from 6.30pm. Tickets will be \$45 per person with drinks available at bar prices. If you wish to organise a table (seating up to eight), or just a ticket for yourself - contact Jack van Beveren on 5345 2658 or Marj Poole on 5345 2065.

Marj Poole

Creswick & District Historical Society

Bouquets

To Judy and John for the hundreds of unpaid hours in the research of history. John's knowledge of the history of Creswick is extensive. Thanks also to Don, Barry C and Barry P for painting and hanging the posters at the Cube in Raglan Street. Well done.

COMMUNITY BANK CRESWICK & DISTRICT

SUPPORTS LOCAL YOUTH THRIVING IN 2024

The Community Bank Creswick & District has generously donated the funds for the scholarships and wrap-around care provided by *Youthrive*, enabling them to offer a further two university and two Rural Chances scholarship for this year's intake of scholars.

Molly and Alysian have been awarded the *Youthrive* Victoria Rural University scholarships providing them with \$30,000 over three years, along with mentorship and leadership training in recognition of their exceptional leadership qualities and commitment to regional communities.

Regan and Rhylan have been awarded Rural Chances scholarships to pursue vocational education. Regan, from Smeaton, will pursue a Certificate IV in Agriculture at Longerenong College while Rhylan, a Creswick local, will embark on a building apprenticeship.

Youthrive Victoria extends their gratitude to the Community Bank Creswick & District for their generous support which has enabled the largest number of scholarships in the program's history to be awarded which also helps to address skill shortages in rural and regional Victoria. Without such community support, these opportunities would not be possible.

University scholarship applications for 2025 open in June this year while Rural Chances applications open in August.

Jaymee Ellis

Communications & Digital Marketing (*Youthrive Victoria*)

Central Highlands Health Expanding Facilities

Doctor Michael Veal is now available for general practice appointments at Central Highlands Health, Albert Street. Dr Veal will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Also available is physiotherapy with Mr Cameron Ivchenko, who consults Tuesdays all day, Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Cameron also offers Medicare subsidised sleep testing and treatments available for sleep disordered breathing, snoring and OSA. (A GP referral is required.)

Clinical Labs is currently offering pathology collection Monday to Friday 8.00am to 12.00pm.

Catherine Garth, massage therapist also consults on Saturday mornings and through the week by appointment.

The clinic can be contacted by phone on 7036 1070 or email info@chhn.com.au. Alternately Emily, the receptionist, is in from 9.00am Monday to Friday so feel free to drop in to make an appointment in person.

The Lions Club of Creswick



As the club launches into its 51st year of serving the Creswick and district community it would like to thank all members of the community for your continued support of the club's various activities and look forward to working with you throughout 2024.

At the February meeting, the club had the pleasure of inducting newest member, Kathryn Shalless. Kathryn brings with her new ideas and will be a great asset to the club and its activities.

This year the club hopes to conduct at least one main fundraising event (more details to follow) that the wider community will be invited to become involved in. The club continues to conduct sausage sizzles at the Creswick Market and collect unwanted spectacles and old car batteries. Contact Pat 0429 581 591 for drop off or pick up details. There is a Bunnings sausage sizzle in March and the club is jointly catering at the Clunes Truck Show along with Haddon and Mt Bolton Lions Clubs.

Creswick Lions Club is looking for community projects to support and will consider any written submissions for funding when it is allocated in late May. Welfare needs and emergency grants are dealt with as required as the main focus is to help community members in need.

Please consider joining Kathryn as a new member as new people are needed to infuse the current membership with their ideas and energy. Please direct enquiries to Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007, Pat Tacey 0429 581 591 or come along to a meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the Creswick RSL Hall in Albert Street at 7.00pm.

Pat Tacey

President

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS ADVANCE NOTICE

If you are new to Creswick, keep an eye out for the next Welcome to New Residents Event to be held one Saturday in May, 2024.

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A Tale of Three Swans and an Unfortunate Pelican

Last month the Creswick & District Historical Society posted on these pages a newly acquired glass plate image of two ladies feeding the swans at Park Lake and posed the question of from when this photo might have dated.

Well, the answer to this question also involves a pelican. In 1892 Councillor Davies offered a pelican and a swan for Park Lake and the offer was accepted. In 1893 complaints were received that the pelican would destroy all the fish in the lake, the lake originally having been created as a fish pond.

Negotiations were undertaken with the Ballarat Garden Authorities to exchange the pelican for a swan. Ballarat Botanic Gardens agreed to supply a *pair* of swans, which is why you see three swans in this photo. But the offer of the pelican was declined. This did not bode well for the pelican, as two months later Councillor Davies informed Council of its death and that a friend had stuffed it, free of charge, and that he would make a present of it to Council.

So it seems that the image submitted by the Historical Society would date from 1893 onwards.

We look forward to seeing what glass plate image the Historical Society presents to us next!

(The information in this article is taken from the Historical Records of Park Lake.)

Andrew Bell

Secretary, the Friends of Park Lake

Senior Cits News Thank you Brian

The Seniors' first social day for 2024 was a happy get-together. A nice lunch and good entertainment went well.

Next social day will be a week early, 22 March, as otherwise it would have fallen on Good Friday. We will have the usual summer lunch and entertainment by Barry and David.

A lucky day for Helen Scott when she won a colourful rug made by Gary.

The Seniors' long-time volunteer bus driver is hanging up his keys and taking a well-earned rest. Thank you Brian for your willing work over the years.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray

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The Creswick Cube What Is It?

Located in what was historically Market Square, this small structure was the original Information Centre, built for the Creswick Promotion Council in the early 1960s. Today it features five information panels that align with the Creswick Branding of History & Heritage, Forestry, Environment and Arts & Culture. The fifth display panel has a focus on Gold, being the thread that weaves the other aspects together to paint a picture of early Creswick.

The graphic design and printing was funded by a grant from the Public Record Office Victoria and was completed in December 2023 by the Creswick Railway Workshops Association Inc. (CRWA). New front signage was also added in keeping with the graphic design of the panels. The Project was approved by the Hepburn Shire.

An acknowledgement panel gives credit to Mr John Lambert who was a major contributor to the Project. John worked with CRWA Secretary, Ms Judith Henderson, throughout 2023, both volunteering many long hours of research. John provided a wealth of historical information and a myriad of photographs. His contribution was deeply appreciated.

In one sense, the Cube has returned to its original purpose of sharing information. It also houses an original fire hose reel, believed to be the inspiration for Norman Lindsay in his book, *The Magic Pudding*.

Judy Henderson

Secretary, CRWA Inc.

St. Augustine's Parish Creswick Easter Ceremonies

Thursday, March 28 - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Fire and Mass 7.30pm



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Recent Upgrades

Last year ended on a high note for JCAC Inc. With the hard work behind getting finances in order, prudent planning, austere financial control and a change to the funding model; JCAC were at last able to look at all aspects of the facility and look for previous omissions.

Fundraising efforts for the replacement bus are coming along nicely, so thanks to all in the community, who have generously supported this effort!

Steve had identified some concerning omissions requiring urgent attention. We are pleased to advise that all residents' bedrooms in both Curtin and Peacock Wings now have air-conditioning and all north-facing rooms, in both Curtin and Peacock have privacy film on the windows. These changes will greatly enhance the amenity of residents.

Susan Craven, President JCAC Inc.



Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

We love our volunteers at the CNC!

While we have always been blessed with wonderful volunteers at the CNC, like all groups, we have struggled to get things back humming away nicely with volunteer engagement and retention after COVID. But with a combination of the commitment from long term volunteers as well as a flow of new faces, we are well and truly back.

There are a number of new opportunities and programs for volunteers to assist with, such as the expanded partnership with Foodbank and the relaunch of Community Lunches.

Did you know that we have volunteers to collect food that is close to end date, day-old bread and bulk fresh fruit and veg from a range of places every day? This food is then put into the community share pantry and fridge out the back of the CNC for those in need to take what they require. The produce is also used to cook meals to be served at the community lunch on the second Tuesday of the month, from 12.00pm - 1.00pm. This is all done by volunteers. A huge shout out to all those who help at the CNC – we can't do it without you.

If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers and can spare five minutes or five hours, please come in for a cuppa and a chat. There is a range of small and larger volunteer roles, so come in and tell us how you might add value to our team!

Chrissy Austin, Manager

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CRESWICK BOWLING CLUB NEWS

End of Season Wrap-up



*Men's Club Champion
Stephen Hepworth
Photo: Bernie*



*Women's Club Champion
Rebecca Cooper
Photo: Debbie Matthews*

The club has come to the end of another season of Pennant Bowls. Unfortunately, neither division reached the final series.

The Men's Single Club Champion for 2024 is Stephen Hepworth. Runner-up was Dale Chalmers. A very good game right up to the last few ends, where Stephen was able to show his skill in draw bowling.

The Ladies' Single Club Champion for 2023/24 is Rebecca Cooper. This was Rebecca's first Club Championship and she had to overcome one of the club's most decorated Club Champions in Beth Huntley. Rebecca represented Creswick in the Regional Champion of Champions, held at Kyneton. She bowled against a very experienced bowler, Michelle Tait, but lost her first round. No doubt, Rebecca will feature in many more Championships.

The Club Championship for Pairs was conducted during the last week of February. The 2023/24 Ladies' Club Pairs Championship was won by Eileen Franklin and Chris Boyd. The 2024 Men's Club Pairs Champions are Bruce Andrews and Stephen Pope. Congratulations to everyone who competed.

During February, the club opened up the green for the local community to come along and try barefoot bowls. The number of people grew each week, and the last session was well attended with sixteen people enjoying the night. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, barefoot bowls will not be run during March.

Friday night dinners will continue through to the end of Daylight Saving and will then revert to the first Friday of each month. There will not be dinner on Good Friday, 29 March. For those who would like to come along to dinner, contact Bernie on 0437 102 059. Social members are eligible for member benefits.

In March, with the generous support of our club bowlers and social members, the club will acquire a new electronic scoreboard which should be available to use next season.

Judy Rieniets is planning a *Book Sale* to be held at the RSL Hall on Friday, 19 and Saturday, 20 April. Hopefully, everybody can call in to browse and buy some books. All monies collected will go to the bowling club.

Bernie O'Malley



PROGRAM FOR ANZAC DAY 2024

Creswick-Smeaton RSL

- **5.40am** - Assemble at Creswick Cenotaph for **Dawn Service** to commence at **5.50am**.
- Gunfire Breakfast, at the Senior Citizens Rooms, following Dawn Service.
- Creswick Cemetery - service at the Soldiers' graves.
- **10.15am** - Assemble at the Splash Park for **March** to start at **10.30am**.
- March will again host a contingent of around one hundred personnel from the Defence International Training Centre.
- **ANZAC Day Service** will be at the Creswick Cenotaph at the completion of the March.
- **12.30pm** - Two-up will be in front of the RSL Hall from **12.30pm - 2.00pm**.

ANZAC Appeal badges will be on sale in front of Creswick IGA from Wednesday, 10 April to Wednesday, 24 April.
9.30am - 4.30pm weekdays and 9.30am - 1.00pm

Saturdays. Monies raised goes the Veterans Welfare Fund.
During this time, tickets will also be sold for the ANZAC Day Hamper raffle to assist the local RSL.

Phil Greenbank

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Northerly News

Increased Enrolments

It's been a great start to the year at Creswick North Primary School. Increased numbers in the preps and across all year levels have seen the school grow, with lots of extra new staff as well.

The students have started all core curriculum subject areas, as well as specialist areas like PE, Japanese, Art, Music, Drama and visits from the MARC Van.



Senior students cleaning up the school's veggie garden and installing the award-winning scarecrow

The bike track continues to be used frequently and is popular with the students. Over the summer holidays, a new shade sail was installed over the adventure playground, and work began on a new inclusive play space, which should be completed shortly. Work is continuing on re-building the chook shed and yard and everyone is looking forward to this being ready next term. The Breakfast Club, which is held each week, started recently with lots of students using this popular service.

The After-School Program runs every weekday from 3.30pm – 6.00pm and OSHClub organise lots of great activities for the students.

If anyone would like a tour to experience this fantastic school, please call us on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal



Mt Blowhard Preps



St Augustine's School News

There has been a great deal happening at St Augustine's lately. As always, this is centred around the students and their learning. Recently, teaching staff have been developing their professional knowledge in the Science of Learning field working with Dr Lorraine Hammond (Edith Cowan University) and Dr Nathaniel Swain (Latrobe University). Prep and year 1 teachers have also been working with Dr Jennifer Buckingham (Macquarie University) in the early literacy field, developing strategies and teaching in the area of Direct Explicit Instruction.

Things are well underway in the design process of the new \$3.6m school building and refurbishment program. Architects, *B3 Architects*, have created some outstanding designs. The new buildings containing Science, Art, Performing Art and Library spaces will enhance what are already fantastic learning spaces.



On top of this, the new adventure playground for the preps and year 1s is only just around the corner, hopefully by the end of March. This will provide an exciting space for outdoor play, exploration, and imaginative learning experiences. This playground not only promotes physical development and creativity but also fosters social interaction and teamwork among young learners.

Finally, it was terrific to catch up with all families at the recent Friday sausage sizzle and open afternoon. Seems like everyone enjoyed the *Bunnings Snag* in bread.

Until next time.

*Michael Heenan
Principal*

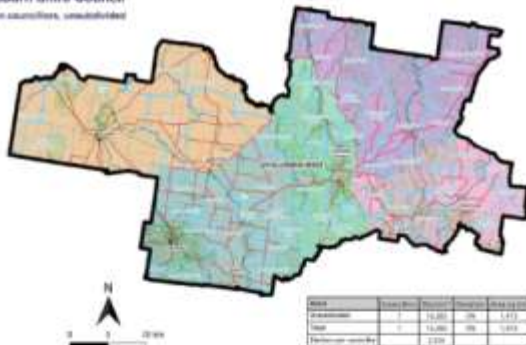
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Principal of St Augustine's Primary School

Michael Heenan

In Term 3 last year, Mr Michael Heenan was appointed Principal of St Augustine's Primary School, entrusted with continuing the school's 169 years of tradition.

On first meeting, Michael Heenan has a down to earth and welcoming personality. Indeed, he is very proud of his roots. He was the second youngest of ten siblings - five boys and five girls - born and raised in Kingsbury in Melbourne's north. When his grandparents first arrived from Ireland, they landed in Portland and became dairy farmers. His father moved to Melbourne when he was fifteen looking for work, and there he met Michael's mother in Brunswick. *'I had a humble upbringing - I remember the paddocks and bushland that surrounded us before Kingsbury was swallowed up by suburbia, playing along Darebin Creek and not coming home til it grew dark.'* He thinks this is why he feels so comfortable in Creswick. *'It feels like coming back home.'*

Michael attended his local Catholic primary school, Our Lady of the Way, and went to high school at St Joseph's in Abbotsford. After finishing high school, he had no real idea what he wanted to do. He had a few different jobs, including working for the railways and baling hay. Eventually, he decided on teaching and attended Mercy Teachers College, now part of Australian Catholic University. Since then, Michael has worked primarily in the Catholic sector, teaching and then in leadership positions in western and northern suburb schools, including Mother of God Primary School in Ardeer, and St Clement of Rome Primary School in Bulleen. In 2008, he was appointed Head of Primary at Ivanhoe Grammar Junior School, where he stayed until 2012.

Michael felt very much at home at Bulleen as the school community's Italian background reminded him of his many Italian neighbours in Kingsbury growing up. Michael has an obvious soft spot for all things Italian. Last year, before taking up his position at Creswick, he spent a month of long service leave travelling around Italy in a Fiat 500 with his wife, enjoying the food and hospitality of small towns and villages off the well-beaten tourist tracks.

After a long career in suburban schools, Michael looked forward to a tree change when he applied for the Principal's position at St Augustine's. Turning off the M8 to Creswick, the countryside reminded him of Ireland, with potatoes and canola crops on either side of the road. He is currently staying with friends in Ballarat two days a week and commuting to Creswick from Essendon the other three days, which he has not found too arduous so far – *'It takes about the same time as driving from Essendon to Bulleen each day'*. Nevertheless, both he and Melissa are looking to buy a house in the district. They have three grown children (one still at home). Michael favours modern art and architecture, but loves old cars. He is also a keen off-



road cyclist and has ridden around both Spain and Italy in the past few years. He enjoys exploring the gravel roads around the district and goes for rides a couple of times a week after school.

Michael calls himself a teacher by trade and is keen to deliver the best academic outcomes for the children at St Augustine's. He is very interested in the *Science of Learning* - a cognitive and research-based strategy for teaching based on how children actually learn. He was thrilled when St Augustine's was given a \$3.6 million Federal Government capital grant late last year which will go towards a brand new administration area, new classrooms and dedicated science and creative arts spaces. He wants to keep St Augustine's the Catholic school of choice for both locals and for the families who come from as far afield as Blampied, Newlyn, Clunes and Black Hill.

The friendly and supportive local community is very much a plus as far as Michael is concerned. He is very happy to reciprocate this support by encouraging local tradies and businesses. He has started regular Friday afternoon sausage sizzles at school for children and their families, which are great **getting-to-know-you** opportunities. *The children and parents are lovely.'*

Michael Heenan declares he is not a complex person. *'I was raised to be nice to people.'* Surely, it is this quality of empathy and desire for the best for St Augustine's school and its community that can only enhance the important part it continues to play in Creswick's history.

Maria Taylor

CRESWICK HAVILAH LODGE

Invitation to the Community

Since late last year, the members of the Creswick Havilah Lodge have welcomed the members of the Letchworth-Kilwinning Lodge who now meet in Creswick's beautiful Lodge Room. Being a dining Lodge, they have their dinner or supper at the American Hotel, which was the original meeting place of the Creswick Havilah Lodge from 1859 to 1890. Creswick Havilah Lodge's original authority to meet, called a *Warrant*, specifies *Anthony's American Hotel* as our meeting place, on 'the Monday night on or closest to the full moon'.

To foster the fellowship between the two Lodges, they have agreed to have a combined meeting in April, on Friday, 19 April. April being the month of ANZAC Day, it is usual to mark that day with special and appropriate ceremonial activity. This year the two Lodges will combine to perform *The Ceremony of Remembrance & Vacant Chair*.

The Masters and members of both Lodges invite the public of Creswick and surrounding areas to join in at the Masonic Hall on Albert Street from 8.00 pm on Friday, 19 April to witness this ceremony. The ceremony does not take long and everyone is invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee.

This is a rare opportunity to witness some of the pageantry and beauty of Masonic Ritual in one of the most beautiful Masonic Halls in the State.

Michael Clark

Master, Creswick Havilah Lodge No. 26

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Storm Damage Remediation Works



The Avenue of Honour and township trees sustained significant damage following a storm cell burst on 13 February. Within two days, Hepburn Shire Council had completed a preliminary storm damage assessment of the entire Avenue and initiated works. The Tree Works plan attends to the dangerous jobs first and works to eliminate risk to the community. Next steps include assessment of further damage and then the clean-up.

According to senior arborist Matthew Daniel, the Avenue held up well, particularly when considering the forces put on the trees from this extreme weather event. *'Most of the trees have good vigor when considering their age and other impacts to their health.'*

Kingston Friends thank Council for their prompt response in assessing and completing the necessary works after the storm. At the time of writing, the Avenue again looks terrific.

Lindsay Cooke Photography Exhibition

Sincere thanks to Lindsay and the Commercial at Kingston for donating all commissions and a percentage of bar takings to local community groups from the opening of this long-awaited exhibition. It includes unique local and international images, landscapes, portraits and bird life. It is open until 1 May from noon onwards, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The next working bee is Sunday, 24 March. Please check the *Facebook* page or register at the Fire Station prior to 10.00am, then stay for the BBQ lunch at noon. Also wear hi-vis if possible and bring hand tools to prune suckers.

Save the Date: Thursday, 25 April - ANZAC Service 9.00am

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What's Happening With CresFest?

Creswick Flood Opera – is this a world first? On April 6, a group of University of Melbourne Masters of Opera students will come to CresFest with director Professor Jane Davidson, to perform the Creswick Flood Opera for the first time in the town that inspired its creation. The Creswick Flood Opera is described below, in Professor Davidson's words:

'From August to October 2023, the Opera students at University of Melbourne's Conservatorium of Music undertook a creative project exploring the impact of the storm that hit Creswick in January 2022. Today, we present this work in the form of a micro-opera. The team was privileged to interview storm-affected residents and it is their words which inspired the piece. Special thanks go to residents Adriana (Teeny) Cunningham, Terry Cunningham, Mark Shalless, Pauline Stapleton, Bernie Tacey (Flynn), Pat Tacey and Ellie van Oirschot and ... the Creswick Lions.'

The opera was showcased at Clunes Town Hall as part of the 2023 Hepburn Shire Seniors Festival, where the audience was stunned by the quality and the depth of feeling conveyed by the young singers. Creswick residents have the opportunity to see it here, for the first time, at CresFest.

Saturday, 6 April 2024 at Creswick Woollen Mills
11.30am – Open Rehearsal
2.30pm – Full Performance. FREE.

Creswick Rallies Round its Music Festival

Support from the town has been a great boost for the team. In addition to local collaborators - The American, Leavers, Farmers Arms, Creswick Woollen Mills, PRD, the RACV and principal partner Community Bank Creswick & District, new support has come from: Business & Tourism Creswick (supporting the schools bunting project run by the uber talented Sarah Samsara); Creswick Pharmacy (donating to support First Aid); Gaia Envirotech are funding the visit of Tinky the miniature sculptor and an anonymous local donor has gifted the cost of security services over the weekend. The Creswick Scouts will run a sausage sizzle and the Post Office will provide power for the Bank Portico Stage. There are many more not mentioned here. CresFest thanks all the businesses and individuals who are opening their hearts and homes. It is hoped you will get the chance to enjoy the weekend and feel proud of what you have created with and for the community.

Mark Myers
President, CresFest Inc



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March 7, 1924

The Kooroocheang and District Energetic League have met, and have decided to commence the sawing of the firewood at the hospital on Monday next.

March 11, 1924

The committee of the Kingston, Smeaton, Newlyn, and Dean Agricultural Society will meet at the shire hall, Kingston, tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Those having money for tickets sold, etc, are requested to hand in same before the meeting.

March 14, 1924

Mollonghip Hall – Grand Concert, to be given in above hall on Wednesday Evening, 19th March, by Skipton St. Concert Party, conducted by Mr. Will. Sampson, in aid of the hall funds. Admission 1/6; children, half price. Moonlight. Supper provided. Dance to follow. George Dimond, Hon. Sec

March 18, 1924

The Creswick branch of the A.N.A. will hold spelling bees

at 8 o'clock tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, at the hall, in which the school children will take part. They will be divided into three classes – 7th and 8th, 5th and 6th, and 3rd and 4th grades – and good prizes will be given. Parents and others are invited to be present.

March 21, 1924

With a view of accelerating the delivery of correspondence to addressees by postmen, it has been approved that, from the 1st of July, 1924, delivery by such means be made only to such buildings and residences as are equipped with a receptacle in which correspondence can be deposited by the postman.

March 25, 1924

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March 28, 1924

Smeaton – the president of the Shire has convened a public meeting, to be held in the Mechanics' hall tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a committee of management for the public recreation reserve, being the old show grounds at Smeaton.

What is Studio 32?

Studio 32 is a new venture at 32 Albert Street, Creswick that serves two purposes. It was the past location of Old Wares & Collectibles and then Sibbo's Oddball Emporium. Adjacent to the Ice Cream Shop in lower Albert Street, parking is easy and the footpath unencumbered. The space is light and attractive with two combined functions, a gallery space and a retail space selling a diverse range of select re-cycled pre-loved items. The retail trading will provide financial support to the art space.

This is a trial concept merging art and community with many options available to value-add to the initiative. The Studio may host craft and art tutorials and also serve as a small meeting space for *matters of the art*. An initiative of the Creswick Railway Workshops Association Inc., the art space provides a platform for artists to exhibit and sell their creations.

In the first instance, send an expression of interest to railwayworkshops@gmail.com. If you wish to explore

options, call in between 10.00am and 3.00pm on a Saturday.

Opening on 17 February 2024, all comments were positive and encouraging. It is anticipated that with additional volunteers, the Studio will be able to open more frequently.

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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Creswick Civic Honour Roll Dinner, Friday, 31 May. Tickets \$45, contact Marj Poole on 5345 2658.

Creswick Havilah Lodge invitation to *The Ceremony of Remembrance & Vacant Chair*, followed by supper. Masonic Hall, Albert Street, 8.00pm Friday, 19 April. Enquiries Michael Clark.

Next Welcome to New Residents meeting will be held on a Saturday in May, 2024.

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – 2nd Tuesday of the month 1.00pm – 2.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

Anglican Parish of Springmount
St John's Church, 103 Napier Street, Creswick
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays
Contact: 0413 689 003

Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.
Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Contact the secretary on info@creswick.net

Catholic Parish Creswick
St Augustine's Church
Mass Sunday 9.00am
except 1st weekend month
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm
Contact: Fr Justin Driscoll
0448 220 685

Creswick Cemetery -
Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm.
Daily

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Parish Every Sunday - 9.30am All Welcome. 130 Albert Street Creswick (The pretty pink church on the hill)

Supply Minister: Rev Kate Tierney 0404 853 505 or email tierneycatherine53@gmail.com

Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc. - first Wednesday Feb. Apr. Aug. Nov 7.00pm
Phone 0434 071 185

Creswick & District Historical Society
fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm. Phone 5345 2065

Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary meets at hospital last Monday monthly 7.30pm. No meeting in June. New members welcome.

Creswick & District U3A -
0490 444 519 email info@creswicku3a.com
website www.creswicku3a.com

Creswick Folk Club Second and fourth Friday 7.30pm, Creswick Railway Station, Contact John Harris 0428 842 234

Creswick Garden Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) Seniors' Club Rooms 1.15pm.

Creswick Havilah Lodge -
Meeting fourth Thursday every month 7.30pm.
Bob Orr 5345 2165

Creswick Lions Club
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Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007
mariamarco3363@gmail.com

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1st Sunday, 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre
transitioncreswick@gmail.com
or 5345 2356

Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356
creswicknc.org/creswick-market
Email market@cnc.org.au

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am.
Inquiries email creswickprobus@gmail.com

Creswick Senior Citizens - last Friday each month members enjoy social day and \$5 Lunch at Seniors' Clubrooms 12 noon

Creswick Senior Cyclists - meet Sundays and Wednesdays, 10.15am Creswick Band Rotunda. All casual cyclists welcome.

Creswick Walking Group
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St. All Welcome, Rain, Hail or Shine.

Creswick Ward meeting - second Monday every month.

Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm
Creswick Railway Station

Cr Tim Drylie
by appointment
Creswick Community Hub
Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au

CRWA - Members Meeting - First Sunday every month 1.00pm after Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct Judy 5345 1374

Freedom In Christ Church
Creswick RSL Hall Albert Street
Sundays 10.30am – 12.30pm
Contact Mob: 0400 138 089.

Friends of Park Lake
Park Lake working bees
10am-noon every Wednesday, weather permitting.
Meet at the jetty.
Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website scoutsvictoria.com.au

Museum Research Centre - Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

Music Jam for music lovers every Friday 7.00pm-9.00pm Neighbourhood Centre. Audience welcome

Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance
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Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc Meetings at 6pm on Mondays: 3rd July; 4th September; 4th December - Creswick Railway Station

RSL meeting - last Wednesday each month 1.00pm. RSL Hall
Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email: barrymarj@hotmail.com

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